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1. SOVIET EMBASSY COUNSELLOR MYSHKOV HANDED OVER FOLLOW-
ING NOTE TO DEPARTMENT ON AUGUST 3.

QUOTE

THE EMBASSY OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS
REFERS TO THE NOTE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
OF THE USSR TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
IN MOSCOW, DATED JANUARY 18, 1973, AND TO THE NOTE OF THE
US DEPARTMENT OF STATE TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNION OF
SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS IN WASHINGTON, D.C., DATED
JULY 24, 1973, AND WISHES TO STATE THE FOLLOWING:

THE CHANGES IN THE FREE MOVEMENT ZONE FOR SOVIET PERSONNEL
AROUND THE CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO, PROPOSED IN THE NOTE OF
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THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE OF JULY 24, 1973, CLEARLY VIOLATE

THE PRINCIPLE OF A BALANCED APPROACH TO THE FREE MOVEMENT OF SOVIET PERSONNEL AROUND SAN FRANCISCO AND OF AMERICAN PERSONNEL AROUND LENINGRAD.

EVEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PREVIOUS PROPOSAL OF THE OPEN A 30-KILOMETER ZONE AROUND SAN FRANCISCO FOR FREE MOVEMENT OF SOVIET PERSONNEL, THIS MEANT THAT DRY LAND CONSTITUTED ONLY 50 OF THE AREA, WHILE THE REMAINING 50 WAS OCCUPIED BY THE WATERS OF THE PACIFIC OCEAN AND SAN FRANCISCO BAY.

NOW, ACCORDING TO THE NOTE OF JULY 24, 1973, THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE INTENDS, IN EFFECT, TO WITHDRAW COMPLETELY FROM THE FREE MOVEMENT ZONE OF SOVIET PERSONNEL MARIN AND CONTRA COSTA COUNTIES, THEREBY REDUCING THE LAND AREA WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE 30 KILOMETER ZONE TO 33-34.

THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE PROPOSES TO COMPENSATE FOR THE ABOVE-MENTIONED EXCLUSIONS FROM THE ZONE BY OFFERING INSTEAD BARREN AREAS IN THE SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS; THIS WOULD BE EQUIVALENT TO THE SOVIET SIDE'S WITHDRAWING, ON THE BASIS OF RECIPROCITY, THE POPULATED AREAS AROUND LENINGRAD FROM THE FREE MOVEMENT ZONE FOR AMERICAN PERSONNEL AND REPLACING THEM WITH THE FIELDS AND MEADOWS TO THE SOUTH OF THE CITY.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE ABOVE, IT IS QUITE OBVIOUS THAT THE PROPOSAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, CONTAINED IN THE NOTE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE OF JULY 24, 1973, REGARDING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE FREE MOVEMENT ZONE AROUND SAN FRANCISCO FOR SOVIET PERSONNEL IN THE US, IS UNACCEPTABLE TO THE SOVIET SIDE. THEREFORE, IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH A BALANCE BETWEEN THE ZONES AROUND LENINGRAD AND SAN FRANCISCO, THE EMBASSY INSISTS THAT THE CORRESPONDING SECTIONS OF MARIN AND CONTRA COSTA COUNTIES BE REINCORPORATED WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE ZONE AROUND SAN FRANCISCO.

WITH REGARD TO TRAVEL TO COUNTRY RESIDENCES (DACHAS) WITHOUT NOTIFICATION, THIS, AS YOU WELL KNOW, HAS LONG BEEN DONE BY THE PERSONNEL OF THE CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE
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UNITED STATES IN LENINGRAD, WHEREAS EVEN THE PERSONNEL OF THE EMBASSY OF THE USSR IN WASHINGTON ARE DENIED THIS ELEMENTARY OPPORTUNITY.

THE SOVIET SIDE RESERVES FOR ITSELF THE RIGHT TO RECEIVE THE OPPORTUNITY OF FREE TRAVEL FOR SOVIET PERSONNEL IN THE UNITED STATES, WITHOUT NOTIFICATION, TO THE FUTURE COUNTRY RESIDENCE (DACHA) OF THE CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE USSR IN

SAN FRANCISCO, OUTSIDE THE BOUNDARIES OF THE 30-KILOMETER
ZONE, AS IS THE CASE IN LENINGRAD.

THE EMBASSY WOULD BE GRATEFUL TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE
FOR A PROMPT REPLY TO THIS NOTE. END QUOTE

2. DEPARTMENT COMMENTS WILL FOLLOW. ROGERS

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